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Title : ARTICLE SUPERIOR IN MAKING WATERDROPS SLIP  
DOWN SURFACE THEREOF AND PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCING SUCH ARTICLE

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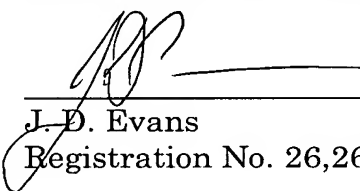
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